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P R E F A C E.

At the commencement of my Indian service, although I had previously the advantage of observing a large amount of general practice, I felt the want of a small volume, which would afford at a glance the prominent characteristics, and hint at the most approved treatment of disease as it occurs in India. Every medical officer to whom I have spoken on the subject has confessed to have experienced the same feeling. Many have also stated their opinion that a small, concise work of the kind now offered, would be useful, not only in the initiative, but also at other periods. A numerous class, to whom it is presumed this small publication might prove beneficial, are the European and Native Hospital Assistants attached to the dif-

ferent medical establishments, who will find therein a more condensed, and therefore cheaper, mass of information, than is contained in any other existing work of a similar size.

It is not for one moment my intention to offer this small book as a substitute for the larger volumes of other writers. I merely intend it as an introduction to their study, and as a means of retaining at an after period much of the information they contain. Also, as a volume, unlike many others, adapted for the medical officer, when obliged to economise space in the cabin, the tent, or the bullock trunk.

It was my first intention to illustrate the work with small pathological and other sketches, and also to give the reference for every authority quoted; but as at an up-country station the facilities of producing the former are extremely limited, and as the latter I found added considerably to the size and expense of the book, the design was not carried out. I trust at some

future period to be permitted to fulfil at least the first idea.

Of course, a manual must be more or less compiled from other sources, and I believe, with the exception of original remarks, every item in the work is the opinion of some one well qualified to offer an opinion.

The classification of the diseases which I have attempted, appears to me preferable for a work of this kind, as showing immediately the chief exciting or predisposing cause.

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